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MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

BOARD OF REGENTS

TYLER STATE COLLEGE

Held on the Campus of
Tyler State College

January 8, 1975

The Board of Regents, Tyler State College, convened at 2:00 p.m., January 8, 1975, with six members present: Chairman B. H. McVicker, M.D., Dean W. Turner, David K. McKie, C. Quentin Abernathy, Jeff Austin, Jr., and Neal E. Velvin. Regents Jack C. Morgan, H. J. McKenzie, and Robert G. Schleier were absent.

Also present were Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., President; John R. Sawyer, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs; L. J. Grubbs, Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer; James S. Powell, Director of the Office of Public Information; and Mrs. Lou Love, Executive Assistant.

Others in attendance were Dean George Joyce, School of Business; Dean Frank H. Smyrl, School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Jack Foster, Director of Computer Center; Mrs. Jean Boone, a graduate student of Tyler State College and Vice President of the Student Government Association; Major C. Glenn Proctor, Salvation Army; Bill Atkins, Radio Station KDOK; Mike Edwards, Radio Station KTBB; Mrs. Carol Taylor, Tyler Morning Telegraph; and Bobby Perdue, Channel 7 Television.

The meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order by Vice Chairman Turner due to the delayed arrival of the Chairman.

ITEM I.

INVOCATION

Major C. Glenn Proctor of the Salvation Army brought the invocation for the opening of the meeting of the Board of Regents, Tyler State College.

ITEM II.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The chair announced that it will be necessary to have an executive session later in the meeting as specified under Article 6252-17, Section g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes.

ITEM III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent McKie moved, and Regent Velvin seconded, that the Minutes of the December 19, 1974 meeting of the Board of Regents be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM IV.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent Abernathy moved, and Regent Austin seconded, that the agenda of the Board of Regents meeting as presented to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 3A, Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM V.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW MASTER'S DEGREES

Regent Austin, Chairman of the Academic and Personnel Committee, reported that the administrative staff has recommended to the Academic and Personnel Committee two new Master's degree programs, namely, Master of Business Administration Degree and Master of General Studies Degree. These degrees have been developed to meet the needs of the students who have completed the Bachelor degree requirements in these respective fields and who desire to further their education on the graduate level.

Regent Austin stated that the committee has studied the degree proposals and it is the recommendation of the committee that they be approved by the Board of Regents to be submitted to the Coordinating Board for consideration at its April meeting.

BOARD ACTION: Regent Turner moved, and Regent Abernathy seconded, that the Board of Regents approve the Master of Business Administration degree and the Master of General Studies degree as proposed by the administrative staff; and further, that the degree proposals be submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, to be considered at its April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM VI.

PERSONNEL

Regent Austin reported that the individuals named below have been approved by the appropriate vice president and the president, and have been checked in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Academic and Personnel Committee and the checks were found to be positive. The committee therefore recommends the individuals for the positions and at the salaries stated:

Professional - Part-time

Dr. David W. MacKenna, age 36, as part-time Instructor teaching one course in Law Enforcement, beginning January 13, 1975 through May 17, 1975, at a salary of \$1,400.

Classified - Full-time

Karen Joy Beam, age 26, as clerk-typist I in Business Office, beginning December 1, 1974, at an annual salary of \$4,608.

Maribeth Belcher, age 21, as clerk-typist I in the School of Education and Psychology, beginning December 3, 1974, at an annual salary of \$4,608.

L. J. Bostick, age 61, as custodian, beginning December 11, 1974, at an annual salary of \$5,256.

Jeffery Lee Taylor, age 17, as custodian, beginning December 5, 1974, at an annual salary of \$5,256.

Transfers

Marsha Thompson Points, from clerk-typist in the School of Education and Psychology at an annual salary of \$4,608, to secretary to the Dean, School of Technical and Vocational Studies, beginning December 1, 1974, at an annual salary of \$5,256.

Jeanette Taylor Urban, from clerk-typist in the Business Office at an annual salary of \$4,608 to accounting clerk in the Business Office, effective December 1, 1974, at an annual salary of \$4,920.

Resignations

Ophel Caldwell, custodian, effective November 27, 1974.

Marvin Jiles, custodian, effective December 10, 1974.

Vicky E. Looney, secretary to the Dean, School of Technical and Vocational Studies, effective November 30, 1974.

Termination

Mary J. Roy, Clerk, effective November 30, 1974.

BOARD ACTION: Regent Austin moved, and Regent Turner seconded, that the Board of Regents approves the additions, changes, resignations, and termination of personnel as recommended by the Academic and Personnel Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF USE OF TERM "TEMPORARY" IN CERTAIN AGREEMENTS OF EMPLOYMENT

Chairman McVicker reported that the President has requested the Board to consider the use of the term "temporary" in issuing certain agreements of employment.

President Stewart stated that this arrangement is one that is used by higher education in employing persons such as visiting professors or where each party to the agreement is fully cognizant that the agreement may not be renewed.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McKie moved, and Regent Austin seconded, that the president may use the term "temporary" in certain agreements of employment where each party to the agreement is fully aware that the agreement may not be renewed. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM VIII. PROGRESS REPORT ON PHASE I CONSTRUCTION

Regent Velvin, Chairman of the Campus and Building Committee, asked Mr. Grubbs to give a progress report on Phase I construction. Mr. Grubbs, Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer, reported that everything is going smoothly at the site, despite rain and mud. A large quantity of concrete has been poured and 24-inch and 30-inch storm sewers are being installed. Mr. Walt Rusby, Caudill Rowlett Scott architectural firm's representative, is now located at the campus site.

Mr. Grubbs stated further that a construction procedure manual from project conception to facility occupancy has been developed with details for future building at the site and will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ITEM IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

President Stewart submitted a written report and recommendations to the Board, which is attached, and elaborated on the following items at the meeting:

1. Plans for Groundbreaking

In accordance with President Stewart's report at the last Board meeting, the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase I construction will be conducted on January 29, 1975, with Dr. Bevington Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, as the keynote speaker. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the permanent campus site. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted at the Green Acres Baptist Church which is the largest facility in close proximity to the campus. A luncheon for the Board and the program participants will precede the groundbreaking ceremony.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

2. Meetings in Austin

January 14, 1975: President Stewart stated that the group of citizens, including six members of the Board, will be leaving Pounds Field at 8:00 a.m., January 14, to attend the opening of the 64th Texas Legislature.

January 28, 1975: A meeting before the Texas Highway Commission in Austin on January 28, 1975 at 1:30 p.m. will be in regard to widening Spur 248. Several from Tyler will be going to Austin to support the institution's request for improving the Spur.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

3. Administrative Council Planning Session

President Stewart reported that the Administrative Council held a long range planning session Monday, January 6, 1975, at the Tyler Pipe Industries facilities on Lake Tyler. It was a very productive session, looking at where the institution has been and where it plans to go, Dr. Stewart commented, with three or more sessions planned for the coming weeks to establish goals. There was excellent participation and the President will keep the Board informed.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

4. New Applications for Admission for the Spring Semester

The President reported that 202 students have applied for admission to the Spring Semester. This exceeds the count for last year and the institution is hopeful that the enrollment will reach or exceed 1,000.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ITEM X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman McVicker declared the meeting in executive session at 3:05 p.m. as authorized under Article 6252-17, Section g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes. The meeting reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

ITEM XI. REAPPOINTMENT OF THREE REGENTS

Regent Abernathy, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation for the services rendered by the three members whose terms expire January 31, 1975, i.e., Chairman B. H. McVicker, M.D., Vice Chairman Dean W. Turner, and Secretary David K. McKie.

BOARD ACTION: Regent Abernathy moved, and Regent Austin seconded, that the Board approves the following resolution and instructs the President to so inform the Governor of the State of Texas:

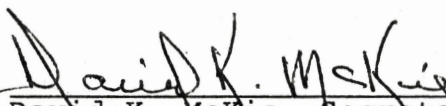
Be it resolved, that the Board of Regents commend B. H. McVicker, M.D., Dean W. Turner, and David K. McKie for the outstanding job that they have done in serving on the Board of Regents of Tyler State College, and that we respectfully convey our request for their reappointment to the Board to the Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Governor of Texas. That in so doing, we recognize that these three individuals were appointed in October, 1971, and therefore will have only served slightly more than one-half of a full term at the time their current appointment expires on January 31, 1975. Further, that we express to these colleagues on the Board of Regents our appreciation for their sincerity in serving on the Board and recognize their outstanding abilities to continue serving the institution in an outstanding manner through reappointment to the Board of Regents. Regents McVicker, Turner and McKie each requested to be allowed to vote on the other two Regents while abstaining on voting for himself. Motion carried unanimously. Each expressed appreciation for the action of the Board and said it was an honor to serve.

ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Austin, and seconded by Regent Velvin, the Board adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED:


B. H. McVicker, M.D., Chairman


David K. McKie, Secretary

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The invitations to the groundbreaking will be mailed on January 15, 1975. Our invitation list will include state officials, area and local citizens. Please provide us with names of individuals that you would like to invite.

2. New Degree Proposals

Although I reported to you on the two graduate degrees -- the Master of Business Administration and the Master of General Studies -- through my letter of December 20, 1974 to the Honorable Jeff Austin, Jr., Chairman of the Academic and Personnel Committee, I wish to again emphasize in this report the importance of these two degrees for Tyler State College.

Further, I want to point out that our faculty and staff have done an excellent job in developing the proposals for these two degrees for our institution.

3. New Applications for Admission for the Spring Semester

The Dean of Admissions and Records has reported to me that new applications for admission for the spring semester are running ahead of those at this time last year. A specific report regarding the new applications as of January 8 will be given to you at the Board meeting.

4. Enrollment Growth of Upper Division Colleges and Universities Report

A report on enrollment growth of upper division colleges and universities in the United States, developed by the Tyler State College staff, has been completed recently and a copy of this report is attached. Although the basic question about percentage of growth of upper division institutions is specified, there is other information to which I call your attention. You will note that enrollment growth for the past three years for the

upper division institutions exceeds the enrollment growth for institutions in the State of Texas and in the nation as a whole by rather large percentages. Also, it is significant to note that in almost every instance all upper division institutions have experienced growth in each year since opening. In the case of Texas A&I at Laredo for which enrollment decreases are shown for two years, we know that this institution projected a leveling off in enrollment at around 600 students. Enrollment declines at Florida Atlantic University during the falls of 1972 and 1973 are attributable partially to the establishment of other institutions in Florida and housing problems for students. However, a healthy gain in enrollment for the current year indicates that these problems have been overcome.

It is significant to mention that, for the most part, institutions, both in Texas and in other states that are comparable to Tyler State College, have shown steady growth in accordance with enrollment projections made for the institutions. By the statement, institutions comparable to Tyler State College, I refer to such important factors as location near community and junior colleges and within geographical areas that have sufficient population to support the institution, commitment to the upper division concept, and a separate campus operation which permits growth and development. For clarification in connection with the last point, I should point out that some of the upper division programs are operated on community and junior college campuses and therefore do not expect to be more than upper division centers offering very limited programs.

Also, I think it is valuable to mention that the institutions in Florida and Illinois have had exceptionally good state support, permitting them to plan and develop their programs to meet existent needs which were predicted and projected at the time of their establishment. As you know, we have developed similar plans for Tyler State and we have been very close to our projections at each step since our creation.

From the information sheet, it can also be determined that three institutions offer the doctoral degree as the highest degree, twenty-nine institutions offer the master's as the highest degree and only two institutions have the bachelor's degree as the highest degree offered. Two institutional centers, Pan American University at Brownsville and Sul Ross State University at Uvalde, do not confer degrees at the center locations, but offer their degrees through the parent campuses.